Collation of information based on NICE guidelines and including suggestions from a range of UK based stakeholders including patient groups and the Department of Health

Prioritisation by NICE QOF Advisory Committee: Identification of areas for indicator development and piloting

**Testing Protocol:**
- Stage 1: Indicator development
- Stage 2: Indicator piloting

**1: Indicator development**

RAND Appropriateness Method, to test for:
- Clarity
- Validity (face and content)

**2: Indicator Piloting**

Recruitment of nationally representative samples of practices: 4 cohorts of 30 practices in England (n=120 in total) on a 6-monthly rotational basis. 2 Practices in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales in each cohort respectively.

6 month piloting period

Baseline data extraction

Final data extraction after 6 month piloting period, to test for:
- Feasibility
- Reliability

Interviews with GPs, nurses and other staff after 6 months piloting period, to test for:
- Acceptability
- Implementation issues

Piloting recommendations fed back to NICE QOF Advisory Committee to decide whether the indicators go forward to the next stage.

Validation and publication by NICE on NICE national menu of indicators